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Fuhrig Finishes Third

OFFICIAL RESULTS RELEASED

The following article (in two parts) is a tough, no-use-kidding-ourselves analysis by Neal Donner, chair of Region 62 and candidate for the 44th Assembly District this past election. The official results are on page three, and there's frankly not too much to cheer in them; but if anyone thinks the LPC is finished, the activity on the regional level throughout the state shows the opposite is the case. Activists are developing all sorts of ideas and many are already gearing up for 1988 (see page 2). We're throwing down the gauntlet, not tossing in the sponge! — Editor.

The California Election Results

Neal Donner

How did the Libertarian Party of California do in the 1986 general election compared with other parties and to our showing in previous elections since 1980 (our first year as a ballot party)? Was the LONG-ACTIVE project in LA County a success? What lessons can be learned which will help us in the future? All percentages are based on *LA Times* totals published two days after the election. Official totals, not available as I write this, will vary by only a few tenths of a percent.

- **The Statewide Races** (four-year terms): The three minor parties ran candidates in all seven races, even American Independent (AIP) which, though it has the largest registration of the three, ran virtually no local candidates. We maintained ballot status till 1990, with Ray Cullen's 8.4% showing as our candidate for Treasurer—but only because the Republicans chose not to run anyone. The other two minor parties were able to maintain ballot status without this crutch: AIP has enough registrants, and Peace and Freedom (P&F) garnered 2.1% in the race for Secretary of State. We can't count on the Republicans to lapse like that again.

Our percentage increased over 1982 in only one of the six comparable races (Cullen's is not really comparable), and this was Carolyn Treynor for Controller—another exception that proves the rule for Carolyn frankly admits to having been a paper candidate. In the six comparable races the LPC's share of the vote declined an average of one quarter of one percent over 1982.

THE SILVER LINING: We defeated the other minor parties in four of the seven races, including the gubernatorial; and although Breck McKinley took only 0.9% in the race for

Senate (down from Joe Fuhrig's 1.4% in 1982), the Zschau-Cranston contest was close enough that he, along with AIP candidate Ed Vallen, began to be courted by certain anti-Zschau forces for possible campaign financing. Interestingly, the senatorial race was the only one of the seven statewide contests where the total of the minor party vote (2.9%) exceeded the spread between the major parties (1.6%).

- **State Assembly** (80 seats, two-year terms): We ran in 26 districts this year (compared to 18 in 1984), and in all but one faced opponents of both major parties. The exception was Don Ellis in the 74th District (parts of Orange and San Diego Counties) who received 12.6% with only a Republican opponent. Otherwise, our best showing was in San Francisco, where Bonnie Hoy was our only standard-bearer to exceed 4% (with 4.8%). Seven other Libertarians received over 3.0%. Where both the LP and P&F ran, we took five out of nine races (against three out of five in 1984). In comparison, in 1984 we ran in three races without Republican opponents (Alameda and Santa Clara Counties), winning 7.4%, 8.4%,

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Almodovar Awaits Decision

Norma Jean Almodovar, Lieutenant Governor candidate, is waiting for a decision on whether she will have to spend the next three years in prison. The charge is pandering, (encouraging someone to engage in an act of prostitution), a crime the state deems so heinous it carries a *mandatory* three year sentence.

Norma Jean was arrested and convicted in 1983, in a classic case of entrapment: the woman she thought was a friend, who had approached her on how she, too, could become a call girl, turned out to be working undercover because—as she admitted at the trial—she didn't want Norma Jean to publish anything against the LAPD.

When Norma Jean was arrested at her apartment, the officers took nothing relating to her business as a callgirl, but did take the manuscript she was preparing—an expose of the Hollywood police department, based on her 11-year experiences as a traffic cop.

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Notes and News from the Regions

State Convention in February

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Idea Swapmeet

Laurel Fest

A group of Southland county and regional chairs enjoyed a picnic/meeting on Sat., Dec. 6—with gourmet hamburgers and hot dogs courtesy of chef Mike Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to review our activities of the past year and make plans for the future. Some highlights:

- Neal Donner presented a detailed analysis of the LONG ACTIVE project and election results. His conclusion: while the program did produce some new activists, it was not an efficient means to increase vote totals (the cost per vote gained was approximately \$20 and five hours). He stressed the need to focus our resources on races with potential impact. In his own region, Neal has personally phoned 2,000 registered Libertarians in the past two years.

- Steve Malmberg, former chair of Region 63 and candidate for State Board of Equalization, proposed setting up special interest groups (SIGs) to capitalize on particular strengths and issues within regions and counties (e.g., Region 63's ongoing Constitution Study Group under the direction of Region 63 chair Kim Goldsworthy). SIGs would network with members of other regions and serve as an entry point for non-libertarians who agree with us on specific issues. Region 64, with chair Ted Brown, has begun two new and very promising efforts: Sarah Foster's investigation of community redevelopment agencies and Laura Brown's work with downtown LA's Metro Rail victims.

- Pat Wright, chair of southern California's largest region (approximately 200 members) has a novel program, Adopt-A Bureaucrat. You send contributions, like a subscription to *Reason*, to someone in particular need of that kind of intellectual nourishment.

The next meeting is planned for Sunday, Feb. 22. Contact Laurel Fest, (213) 254-1776, for details.

Laurel Fest is the Southern Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party of California.

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New Student Organization

The Libertarian Student Network (LSN) is a recently formed student group with chapters on a number of campuses nationwide. It is particularly active in anti-draft activities and publishes a newsletter, *Young Libertarian*. As it is very difficult to get permission for libertarian speakers to speak at colleges unless there's a sponsoring organization, the Libertarian Student Network could prove really useful if a chapters were established on campuses throughout the state. For information, check the ad on page 4, or contact representative Bryce Bigwood (address and phone above).

Here and There

LAKE COUNTY: Chair Randall Grindle reports LP registration has doubled in the past couple of months, as soon as he began lobbying for freedom against the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors (see Dec. *CLNews*). Coverage about him and his libertarian positions were written up in the newspapers and people simply decided to change. "All I did was go out and become active, and people said, 'it looks like the libertarians are doing something.'"

Randall also reports several counties are getting organized which have never been especially active or have lapsed over the past few years.

SAN LUIS OBISPO and YOLO COUNTIES: Two new chairs for these newly active counties. Bryce Bigwood, a student at Davis, is now chair for Yolo County north of Sacramento. Bryce is also a coordinator for the Libertarian Student Network (see article on this page and ad on page 5). In San Luis Obispo, which is mid-state, Clyde Steele has taken over from chair Steve Alexander who has moved from the area. Clyde writes that he plans to start monthly meetings at his home.

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SAN DIEGO: January has been declared Reason Month, with Reason Foundation people scheduled to speak at both supper clubs. President Robert Poole, will be speaking on the Unfriendly Skies Over US Airports; while Phil Fixler, Director of the Local Government Center, will discuss the Florida Project. Seems the Florida Chamber of Commerce has hired Phil and the Reason Foundation to come up with ideas for reducing the cost of public services through privatization. The San Diego LP also is sending *Reason* subscriptions to various government personnel as part of their newly launched Adopt-A-Bureaucrat project.

REGION 67 (East San Gabriel Valley): The LA County Fair is the largest county fair in the country, and for several years the LPC sponsored a literature booth. In recent years costs were raised and it became difficult to find the necessary money and the project was dropped. No More! Chair Gail Lightfoot reports Region 67 is beginning a special fundraising drive *right now* to secure the money necessary for a booth in 1988. We won't be caught short again—especially during a presidential election year!

ORANGE COUNTY: Plans are in the works for the LP to participate in parades in various cities throughout the county. The biggest is the 4th of July Parade in Huntington Beach.

Official Election Results

Important: The vote totals below are those recently released by the Secretary of State's office, and the percentages of the statewide candidates have been calculated to reflect these official figures. However, the percentages of the local races are based on the earlier *unofficial* tally published Nov. 6 in the *L.A. Times*. They were the only ones available at the time to Neal Donner for analysis and are presented here only as an indicator of how LP candidates did in local elections.

Party	Candidate	Vote Total	%	Party	Candidate	Vote Total	%	Party	Candidate	Vote Total	%
The Statewide Races				14th District				45th District			
Governor				Rep.	Norm Shumway*	146,906	71.6	Rep.	Duncan Hunter*	118,900	76.8
Dem.	G. Deukmejian*	4,506,601	60.54	Dem.	Bill Steele	53,597	26.1	Dem.	Hewitt Ryan	32,800	21.1
Dem.	Tom Bradley	2,781,714	37.37	Lib.	Bruce Daniel	4,658	2.3	Lib.	Lee Schwartz	2,975	2.0
Lib.	Joe Fuhrig	52,628	0.71	15th District				State Senate			
P&F	Maria Munoz	51,995	0.70	Dem.	Tony Coelho*	93,600	71.0	18th District			
AIP	Gary Miller	50,547	0.68	Rep.	Carol Harner	35,793	27.1	Dem.	Gary Hart*	121,661	65.3
Lieutenant Governor				Lib.	Richard M. Harris	2,382	1.9	Rep.	D. Holmdahl	62,659	33.2
Dem.	Leo McCarthy*	3,957,831	53.94	16th District				Lib.	Jay Wood	2,885	1.5
Rep.	Mike Curb	3,118,758	42.50	Dem.	Leon Panetta*	128,151	78.5	22nd District			
AIP	James Griffin	104,480	1.42	Rep.	Louis Darrigo	31,386	19.1	Rep.	H. Rosenthal*	146,713	68.2
Lib.	N. J. Almodovar	90,157	1.23	P&F	Ron Wright	2,017	1.2	Dem.	Daniel Sias	62,841	28.8
P&F	Clyde Kuhn	66,898	0.91	Lib.	Bill Anderson	1,944	1.2	Lib.	Joseph Russell	3,670	1.7
Attorney General				19th District				24th District			
Dem.	J. Van de Kamp*	4,691,142	65.99	Rep.	R. Lagomarsino*	122,578	71.7	Dem.	Art Torres*	49,601	72.5
Rep.	Bruce Gleason	2,118,627	29.80	Dem.	Wayne Norris	45,619	26.9	Rep.	Lee Prentiss	16,761	24.1
Lib.	Carol Newman	128,906	1.81	Lib.	George Hasara	2,341	1.4	Lib.	Laura Brown	2,382	3.4
P&F	Robert Evans	88,739	1.25	21st District				38th District			
AIP	Gary Odom	81,262	1.14	Rep.	Elton Gallegly	132,090	68.1	Rep.	Willam Craven*	181,627	85.1
Secretary of State				Dem.	Gilbert Saldana	54,497	28.5	Lib.	Betsy Mill	31,826	14.9
Dem.	March Fong Eu*	4,971,230	68.84	Lib.	Daniel Weiner	6,504	3.4	State Assembly			
Rep.	Bruce Nestande	1,908,864	26.43	22nd District				5th District			
Lib.	Richard Winger	105,860	1.47	Rep.	Carlos Moorhead*	141,096	73.7	Rep.	Tim Leslie	68,292	57.6
P&F	Gloria Garcia	153,478	2.13	Dem.	John Simmons	44,036	23.2	Dem.	Jack Dugan	46,289	39.1
AIP	Theresa Dietrich	81,712	1.13	Lib.	Jona Bergland	3,114	1.6	Lib.	Charles Carr	3,905	3.3
Treasurer				P&F	Joel Lorimer	2,930	1.5	7th District			
Dem.	Jesse Unruh*	5,589,633	82.73	23rd District				Dem.	Norm Waters*	82,759	66.6
Lib.	Ray Cullen	569,280	8.43	Rep.	A. Beilenson*	121,468	65.9	Rep.	Terry Holm	38,490	31.0
AIP	Merton Short	357,182	5.29	P&F	G. Woolverton	58,746	31.6	Lib.	Robert Page	3,024	2.4
P&F	Maureen Smith	240,451	3.56	Lib.	Tom Hopke	2,521	1.4	12th District			
Controller				Lib.	Taylor Rhodes	2,019	1.1	Dem.	Tom Bates*	91,581	72.2
Dem.	Gary Davis	3,673,432	51.48	24th District				Rep.	Jerald Udinsky	30,721	24.1
Rep.	William Campbell	3,149,359	44.14	Dem.	Henry Waxman*	103,914	88.0	P&F	Emma Mar	2,812	2.2
Lib.	Carolyn Treynor	141,955	1.99	Lib.	George Abrahams	8,871	7.4	Lib.	William McCord	1,888	1.5
P&F	John Haag	97,808	1.87	P&F	James Green	5,388	4.6	17th District			
AIP	Nich. Kudrovzeff	72,607	1.02	25th District				Dem.	Willie Brown*	71,829	70.5
Senate				Dem.	Edward Roybal*	62,692	76.4	Rep.	Jeff Corino	25,069	24.7
Dem.	Alan Cranston*	3,646,672	49.29	Rep.	Gregory Hardy	17,558	21.0	Lib.	Bonnie Hoy	4,852	4.8
Rep.	Ed Zschau	3,541,804	47.87	Lib.	Ted Brown	2,168	2.6	18th District			
AIP	Edward Vallen	109,856	1.48	27th District				Dem.	Delaine Eastin	43,241	56.6
Lib.	Breck McKinley	66,261	0.90	Dem.	Mel Levine*	110,403	63.9	Rep.	Leo Mehan	31,068	40.5
P&F	Paul Kangas	33,869	0.46	Rep.	Rob Scribner	59,410	34.1	Lib.	Charles Hanes	2,197	1.5
State Board of Equalization				P&F	T. O'Connor	2,078	1.2	21st District			
3rd District				Lib.	Larry Leathers	1,429	.8	Dem.	Byron Sher	59,042	69.9
Rep.	Dronenburg*	1,025,565	59.88	28th District				Rep.	Robert Phillips	21,137	24.9
Dem.	Buckley	591,281	34.43	Dem.	Julian Dixon*	92,635	76.6	Lib.	Tom Grey	3,319	3.9
Lib.	Jack Sanders	57,532	3.36	Rep.	George Adams	25,858	21.1	P&F	Frank DeSio	1,059	1.3
P&F	Quirk	38,229	2.23	Lib.	Howard Johnson	2,837	2.3	22nd District			
4th District				29th District				Rep.	C. Quackenbush	57,684	55.1
Dem.	Capenter	797,399	57.43	Dem.	A. Hawkins*	78,132	84.6	Dem.	Brent Ventura	43,902	42.1
Rep.	Jones	514,848	37.08	Rep.	J. Van de Brooke	13,432	14.5	Lib.	Dustin Baker	2,976	2.8
P&F	McCammon	38,993	2.81	Lib.	Waheed Boctor	851	.9	23rd District			
Lib.	Steven Malmberg	37,312	2.69	30th District				Dem.	J. Vasconcellos*	43,902	67.8
House of Representatives				Dem.	Mat Martinez*	59,369	62.7	Rep.	Lynn Knapp	18,285	28.6
2nd District				Rep.	John Almquist	33,705	35.4	Lib.	Kennita Watson	1,215	1.9
Rep.	Wally Herger	109,758	58.0	Lib.	Kim Goldsworthy	1,911	1.9	P&F	Kerry Williams	1,115	1.7
Dem.	S. Swendiman	74,602	40.0	38th District				24th District			
Lib.	Harry Pendery	4,054	2.0	Rep.	Robert Dornan*	66,032	55.3	Dem.	Dominic Cortese*	49,729	63.9
5th District				Dem.	Richard Robinson	50,625	42.4	Rep.	Jack Sandoval	25,720	32.8
Dem.	Sala Burton*	122,688	75.0	Lib.	Lee Connelly	2,807	2.3	Lib.	John Webster	2,612	3.3
Rep.	Mike Garza	36,039	22.0	41st District				25th District			
Lib.	Samuel Grove	2,409	1.5	Rep.	Bill Lowery*	133,566	67.8	Dem.	Rusty Areles*	50,412	71.1
P&F	Theodore Zuur	2,078	1.3	Dem.	Dan Kripke	59,816	30.4	Rep.	Ben Gilmore	18,941	26.6
10th District				Lib.	Dick Rider	3,541	1.8	Lib.	Mark Hinkle	1,635	2.3
Dem.	Don Edwards*	84,240	70.6	43rd District				27th District			
Rep.	Michael LaCrone	31,826	26.5	Rep.	Ron Packard*	137,341	73.0	Dem.	Gary Condit*	58,099	73.1
Lib.	Perr Cardestam	1,797	1.5	Dem.	Joseph Chirra	45,078	24.1	Rep.	Gerald DeYoung	20,109	25.3
P&F	Bradley Mayer	1,701	1.4	Lib.	Phyllis Avery	5,199	2.9	Lib.	Steve Gerringer	1,256	1.6
12th District				44th District							
Rep.	Ernest Konnyu	111,252	59.4	Dem.	Jim Bates*	70,557	63.5				
Dem.	Lance Weil	69,564	37.3	Rep.	Bill Mitchell	36,359	33.9				
Lib.	Bill White	6,227	3.3	P&F	Shirley Issacson	1,676	1.5				
				Lib.	Dennis Thompson	1,125	1.1				

* Indicates an incumbent

Election Results

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29th District				45th District				60th District			
Rep.	Eric Seastrand*	71,790	72.3	Dem.	Burt Margolin*	61,524	68.3	Dem.	Sally Tanner*	27,773	53.4
Dem.	Robert Weber	26,017	26.4	Rep.	Jane Olson	24,284	26.6	Rep.	Henry Velasco	23,504	45.1
Lib.	Jerry Steddum	1,316	1.3	P&F	Sylvia Kushner	3,032	3.4	Lib.	David Argall	825	1.5
33rd District				Lib.	Donald Meyer	1,520	1.7	74th District			
Rep.	Trice Harvey	41,197	50.8	46th District				Rep.	R. Frazee*	83,996	87.4
Dem.	Tom Fallgatter	37,650	46.2	Dem.	Mike Roos*	27,682	70.5	Lib.	Don Ellis	12,041	12.6
Lib.	Craig Gifford	2,412	3.0	Rep.	Jeffrey Wright	8,898	22.4	75th District			
35th District				P&F	John O'Brien	1,921	5.0	Rep.	S. Mojonner*	74,651	69.2
Dem.	Jack O'Connell*	61,423	66.0	Lib.	Marel Bates	779	2.0	Dem.	Michael Lasky	28,092	26.0
Rep.	Mark Urdahl	30,986	32.6	48th District				Lib.	John Murphy	3,644	3.4
Lib.	Robert Bakhaus	1,326	1.4	Dem.	Maxine Waters*	42,706	84.7	P&F	A. Schoenberg	1,553	1.4
36th District				Rep.	Ezola Foster	6,276	12.7	78th District			
Rep.	T. McClintock*	77,132	73.2	Lib.	Jose Casteneda	1,360	2.6	Dem.	Lucy Killea*	53,662	57.0
Dem.	Frank Nekimken	26,208	25.0	51st District				Rep.	Earl Cantos	38,127	40.4
Lib.	Bruce Driscoll	1,875	1.8	Rep.	G. Felando*	75,879	69.2	Lib.	Joseph Shea	1,366	1.4
37th District				Dem.	Jon Mercant	30,056	27.6	AIP	C. Ulmschneider	1,086	1.2
Rep.	Cathie Wright*	80,477	74.6	Lib.	Rodney Dobson	3,504	3.2	79th District			
Dem.	William Hesse	25,736	23.9	55th District				Dem.	Pete Chacon*	37,439	64.9
Lib.	Gregory Dull	1,627	1.5	Dem.	Richard Polanco*	29,753	60.4	Rep.	Robert Ard	17,439	30.9
44th District				Rep.	Loren Lutz	14,183	28.4	Lib.	Pat Wright	1,238	2.2
Dem.	Tom Hayden*	66,218	59.2	P&F	Michael Zinzun	3,602	7.3	P&F	B. Wertheimer	1,145	2.0
Rep.	Gloria Stout	41,843	36.9	Lib.	Sarah Foster	1,922	3.9	80th District			
Lib.	Neal Donner	2,219	2.0					Dem.	Steve Peace*	39,806	64.5
P&F	Carol Berman	32,138	1.9					Rep.	Tom DuBose	21,089	34.2
								Lib.	Randy Myrseth	787	1.3

Election Analysis

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and 12.3%; exceeded 4% in two races (4.2% in LA-San Bernardino, 4.4% in Alameda-Santa Clara), and exceeded 3% in three others. There were eleven districts where we ran in both years and which were comparable (two major-party candidates in both years). In six of these our percentage went up, and in five it went down, while the average percentage change for these eleven comparable districts was down about a tenth of a percent.

Peace and Freedom ran 20 candidates (up from nine), exceeding five percent twice (5.0% and 7.3%), and exceeded three percent in five other races. In their six comparable races they increased their percentage over 1984—an average of about two-tenths of a percentage point.

- **State Senate** (40 seats, four-year terms, with half elected every two years): We ran in four of the 20 races (down from five in 1984). Without a Democratic opponent, Betsy Mill got 14.9% in San Diego, and we exceeded 3% in one other case (3.4%). In 1984 our best showing for Senate was 3.7% (Santa Clara). P&F ran in four races (seven in 1984), but failed to crack the four percent barrier.

- **U.S. Congress** (45 seats, two-year terms): We ran in 22 districts this year (23 in 1984). George Abahams in Los Angeles, with no Republican opponent, got 7.4% (P&F, 4.6%). Otherwise, we did not exceed four percent in any race and exceeded three percent only twice (3.3% and 3.4% in Santa Clara and LA-Ventura, respectively).

By contrast, in 1984 we peaked at 14.7% with no Democratic opponent (Mike Yauch in northeast LA County) and exceeded four percent once (4.2% in Pasadena), and three percent twice (3.8% in Alameda, 3.1% in Orange-San Diego).

Peace and Freedom ran 16 candidates (up from 10 in 1984). We out-pollled them in four of the seven races where we both fielded candidates, but in the six districts where they ran in 1984 and 1986 against major party opponents, they were up in four, down in two, for an average increase of about two-tenths of a percent.

- **Republican Results:** For State Assembly, the Republicans were up in 25 and down in 37 comparable districts, for an

average decline of 1.3% of the vote in such districts. This result seems to contradict recent gains in Republican registration throughout California. One reason could be the enormous advantage of incumbency currently enjoyed primarily by Democrats; also, many conservative Republicans will not vote for "moderates"—a problem Zschau had to face.

By clever focusing of their efforts, they picked up three seats from the Democrats where the latter had no incumbent to run. In general, the Republicans seem to have made no real gains either at state or national levels: they picked up five seats between Assembly and Senate, but their overall vote percentages declined perceptibly.

To be continued in Feb. *CLNews*.

Almodovar Decision

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Norma Jean was released on probation following a 50-day period for psychiatric examination, with the parole board and the judge agreeing she was not a menace to society. But the D.A.'s office saw things differently and in Dec. 1985, filed an appeal to overturn her probation and send her to prison.

Clearly, certain authorities are very concerned, for the charges against Norma Jean don't discuss pandering so much as they do her book and her intentions to publish. There are 57 references in the brief (which Norma Jean describes as "an outrage") specifically referring to the work in question and expressing concern over her "using literary means to undermine respect for the law." Moreover, a friend in the D.A.'s office has recently told Norma Jean that they'd consider dropping all charges if she'd just stop talking! No more TV appearances, no more interviews. Certainly, no book! Obviously, She's not about to be silenced, and the book will be published whether she's in prison or not!

On Dec. 15, Norma Jean appeared before a three-judge panel that heard the arguments on both sides. They have up to 90 days to arrive at a decision—whether to uphold the probation or the D.A.'s appeal. If it goes against Norma Jean, she could be taken away to prison at any time, day or night.

Republican Backlash

Richard Winger

Besides the Republicans and Democrats, there are three qualified political parties in California: Peace and Freedom, American Independent, and Libertarian. All three third parties retained their status in the November 1986 election.

Periodically, the third parties of California are threatened by attempts to make it more difficult for a party to remain qualified. Democratic legislators sponsored such bills in 1977, 1979, and 1981. None passed, due to opposition from Republicans and large newspapers.

But on November 13, 1986, *The Daily Recorder*, the leading legal newspaper in California, editorialized against California's third parties: "Minor parties could threaten elections," was the headline. The lead sentence was "An all but dead political husk rose from its coffin this month and swung this state's U.S. Senate election while no one was looking." This editorial also used the terms "putative corpse", "potential for mischief", "tiny and flimsy", "extremist," and "fringe." *The Daily Recorder* was upset because its favorite candidate for U.S. Senate, Republican Ed Zschau, was defeated by 116,622 votes, and the American Independent candidate, Ed Vallen, received 107,405 votes. Vallen did extensive advertising just before the election, financed by contributions from conservatives around the USA who wished to punish the California Republican Party for nominating a candidate who took liberal positions on social issues.

Several months before the election, I wrote all California legislators, urging them to introduce a bill to make it easier for new parties to get on the California ballot. Republican assemblyman Bill Bradley wrote back on Nov. 10: "I submitted your suggestions to the Assembly Republican caucus for consideration. I received a negative response. It is felt that the two major parties would not care to encourage competition."

The qualified third parties of California need to be on guard against any possible attempts in 1987 legislation to make the requirements more difficult. It is plain that the Republican Party of California, which was formerly better on the issue of ballot access than the Democratic Party, is no longer as friendly.

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After a three-year effort, the Mission Canyon Fire District (Santa Barbara) is being abolished, which will save each household in the district over \$200 a year in special assessments. When put to a vote, 75% of the voters in the District agreed that the district was an expensive, unnecessary waste of their money.

The District Board of Directors was chaired by Libertarian Lou Villadsen, who worked to bring about "the demise of a piece of government." According to Lou, "The LP can't count me as an officeholder now, but we can point to a small victory. There are probably hundreds of these little districts all over California, sucking up tax money because nobody ever looked at whether or not they're really needed. Our Board went to a lot of work to gather the data and prove the case objectively, and it worked!"

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LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., Jan. 8	Discussion and Election of Delegates to LPC Convention	Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			John Corl	415/223-4112
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Kern	Fridays	Discussion Group and Party Every Friday Evening	Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-1111
Los Angeles Co. (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., Jan 14	Jack Dean: Topic TBA; Election of Delegates	Nancy Neale*	818/893-6884
-62, West L.A.	Mon., Feb. 1	Election of Delegates	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-63, Foothills	Tue., Jan. 20	Carol Moore: Non-Violent Decentralist Strategies	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central L.A.	Thu., Jan. 8	Robert Poole: Topic TBA; Election of Delegates	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey	Wed., Jan. 14	Speaker and Topic to be Announced	Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
-66, South Bay	Thu., Jan. 15,	Election of Delegates	Cullene Lang	213/595-6266
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
Marin	Wed., Jan. 7	Anthony Arnold: A Soviet Withdrawal from Afghanistan?	Dan Dougherty*	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Nevada			Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
Orange	Tue., Jan. 13	Election of Delegates; Discussion of Upcoming Activities	Sharon Ayres	714/966-1211
Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside	Thu., Jan. 15	Election of Officers; Audio Tape and Discussion	Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Bernardino	Thu., Jan. 15	Election of Officers: See Riverside County	Brian Bishko	714/684-5218
San Diego	Tue., Jan. 13	Phil Fixler: The Florida Project	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
	Sat., Jan. 17	Central Com. Mting: Election of Officers & Delegates	Pat Wright	619/238-0913
San Diego (No. Co.)	Tue., Jan. 27	Robert Poole: The Unfriendly Skies Over U.S. Airports	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
San Francisco			Mike Mayakis	415/621-2386
San Luis Obispo			Clyde Steele	805/541-8892
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara			Dave Villadsen*	805/685-1686
Santa Clara	Thu., Jan. 15	Mini-Convention: Election of Officers and Delegates	Dale Burrow	408/279-3733
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson*	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare	Saturdays	Discussion: Charles Murray's <i>Losing Ground</i>	Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
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